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ABSTRACT

5 An improved inter-axle differential is provided that
eliminates the need for a differential case to retain the
differential gears. A thrust washer and a retaining ring are
disposed on each arm of a differential spider to retain a
corresponding differential gear. The combination of the thrust
washer and the retaining ring reduces the complexity and the
weight of conventional inter-axle differential assemblies and
10 enables improved splash lubrication of the differential.

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